

**Lt. Governor John Garamendi's Statement on Cutting UC Freshman Enrollment by 2,300 Students**

SACRAMENTO – Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi, a University of California regent, issued the following statement on the proposal to cut UC enrollment by 2,300 students:

“Cutting the UC freshmen enrollment is another casualty of California’s budget paralysis. This short term fix will have long term fall-out because it is draining the fuel of California’s economic growth by starving education,” said Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi, a UC regent. “The key to a thriving economy is a well-educated and developing workforce. California is dependent on higher education to provide cutting-edge scientists, engineers and researchers to move our economy forward. In addition to curbing enrollment, fee increase proposals have been put forward that threaten to slam the door of opportunity on qualified young Californians and further curb workforce growth in an ailing economy. Climbing tuition hikes, or taxes, continue to place an inequitable burden upon the backs of students who have already suffered budget cuts this year in the millions.”

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